

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2326 - SB 2305**

March 18, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates standards and mandatory information about possible health insurance options to be included in materials that insurance companies send to disenrolled TennCare enrollees. The Department of Commerce and Insurance, in conjunction with the Bureau of TennCare, is to implement public necessity rules and regulations. Provisions of the bill are only to be implemented if consistent with any waiver approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- The Department of Commerce and Insurance would be responsible for administration and enforcement of disclosures in materials designed to solicit TennCare disenrollees and draft and promulgate public necessity rules to provide disclosure requirements.
- The Department would have regulatory authority over insurers and is responsible for the enforcement against insurers.
- Any rulemaking activities or handling of complaints can be absorbed by the Division of Insurance without the need for additional resources.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director